

Department of Veterans Affairs

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Roman numeral. Each ear will be evaluated separately.

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§ 4.87 Schedule of ratings—ear.

DISEASES OF THE EAR	
	Rating
6200 Chronic suppurative otitis media, mastoiditis, or cholesteatoma (or any combination): During suppuration, or with aural polyps NOTE: Evaluate hearing impairment, and complications such as labyrinthitis, tinnitus, facial nerve paralysis, or bone loss of skull, separately.	10
6201 Chronic nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion (serous otitis media): Rate hearing impairment	
6202 Otosclerosis: Rate hearing impairment	
6204 Peripheral vestibular disorders: Dizziness and occasional staggering Occasional dizziness NOTE: Objective findings supporting the diagnosis of vestibular disequilibrium are required before a compensable evaluation can be assigned under this code. Hearing impairment or suppuration shall be separately rated and combined.	30 10
6205 Meniere's syndrome (endolymphatic hydrops): Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring more than once weekly, with or without tinnitus Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring from one to four times a month, with or without tinnitus Hearing impairment with vertigo less than once a month, with or without tinnitus NOTE: Evaluate Meniere's syndrome either under these criteria or by separately evaluating vertigo (as a peripheral vestibular disorder), hearing impairment, and tinnitus, whichever method results in a higher overall evaluation. But do not combine an evaluation for hearing impairment, tinnitus, or vertigo with an evaluation under diagnostic code 6205.	100 60 30
6207 Loss of auricle: Complete loss of both Complete loss of one Deformity of one, with loss of one-third or more of the substance	50 30 10
6208 Malignant neoplasm of the ear (other than skin only) NOTE: A rating of 100 percent shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation treatment, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedure. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based on that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.	100
6209 Benign neoplasms of the ear (other than skin only): Rate on impairment of function.	
6210 Chronic otitis externa:	

DISEASES OF THE EAR—Continued

	Rating
Swelling, dry and scaly or serous discharge, and itching requiring frequent and prolonged treatment	10
6211 Tympanic membrane, perforation of	0
6260 Tinnitus, recurrent	10
NOTE (1): A separate evaluation for tinnitus may be combined with an evaluation under diagnostic codes 6100, 6200, 6204, or other diagnostic code, except when tinnitus supports an evaluation under one of those diagnostic codes.	
NOTE (2): Assign only a single evaluation for recurrent tinnitus, whether the sound is perceived in one ear, both ears, or in the head.	
NOTE (3): Do not evaluate objective tinnitus (in which the sound is audible to other people and has a definable cause that may or may not be pathologic) under this diagnostic code, but evaluate it as part of any underlying condition causing it.	

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§ 4.87a Schedule of ratings—other sense organs.

	Rating
6275 Sense of smell, complete loss	10
6276 Sense of taste, complete loss	10
NOTE: Evaluation will be assigned under diagnostic codes 6275 or 6276 only if there is an anatomical or pathological basis for the condition.	

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES, IMMUNE DISORDERS AND NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES

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§ 4.88a Chronic fatigue syndrome.

(a) For VA purposes, the diagnosis of chronic fatigue syndrome requires:

- (1) new onset of debilitating fatigue severe enough to reduce daily activity to less than 50 percent of the usual level for at least six months; and
- (2) the exclusion, by history, physical examination, and laboratory tests, of all other clinical conditions that may produce similar symptoms; and
- (3) six or more of the following:
 - (i) acute onset of the condition,
 - (ii) low grade fever,
 - (iii) nonexudative pharyngitis,

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- (iv) palpable or tender cervical or axillary lymph nodes,
- (v) generalized muscle aches or weakness,
- (vi) fatigue lasting 24 hours or longer after exercise,
- (vii) headaches (of a type, severity, or pattern that is different from headaches in the pre-morbid state),
- (viii) migratory joint pains,
- (ix) neuropsychologic symptoms,
- (x) sleep disturbance.
- (b) [Reserved]

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§ 4.88b Schedule of ratings—infectious diseases, immune disorders and nutritional deficiencies.

	Rating
6300 Cholera, Asiatic: As active disease, and for 3 months convalescence Thereafter rate residuals such as renal necrosis under the appropriate system	100
6301 Visceral Leishmaniasis: During treatment for active disease NOTE: A 100 percent evaluation shall continue beyond the cessation of treatment for active disease. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. Rate residuals such as liver damage or lymphadenopathy under the appropriate system.	100
6302 Leprosy (Hansen's Disease): As active disease NOTE: A 100 percent evaluation shall continue beyond the date that an examining physician has determined that this has become inactive. Six months after the date of inactivity, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. Rate residuals such as skin lesions or peripheral neuropathy under the appropriate system.	100
6304 Malaria: As active disease NOTE: The diagnosis of malaria depends on the identification of the malarial parasites in blood smears. If the veteran served in an endemic area and presents signs and symptoms compatible with malaria, the diagnosis may be based on clinical grounds alone. Relapses must be confirmed by the presence of malarial parasites in blood smears. Thereafter rate residuals such as liver or spleen damage under the appropriate system	100
6305 Lymphatic Filariasis: As active disease Thereafter rate residuals such as epididymitis or lymphangitis under the appropriate system	100
6306 Bartonellosis: As active disease, and for 3 months convalescence Thereafter rate residuals such as skin lesions under the appropriate system	100
6307 Plague: As active disease Thereafter rate residuals such as lymphadenopathy under the appropriate system	100
6308 Relapsing Fever: As active disease Thereafter rate residuals such as liver or spleen damage or central nervous system involvement under the appropriate system	100
6309 Rheumatic fever: As active disease Thereafter rate residuals such as heart damage under the appropriate system	100
6310 Syphilis, and other treponemal infections: Rate the complications of nervous system, vascular system, eyes or ears. (See DC 7004, syphilitic heart disease, DC 8013, cerebrospinal syphilis, DC 8014, meningovascular syphilis, DC 8015, tabes dorsalis, and DC 9301, dementia associated with central nervous system syphilis)	
6311 Tuberculosis, miliary: As active disease Inactive: See §§ 4.88c and 4.89.	100
6313 Avitaminosis: Marked mental changes, moist dermatitis, inability to retain adequate nourishment, exhaustion, and cachexia With all of the symptoms listed below, plus mental symptoms and impaired bodily vigor With stomatitis, diarrhea, and symmetrical dermatitis With stomatitis, or achlorhydria, or diarrhea Confirmed diagnosis with nonspecific symptoms such as: decreased appetite, weight loss, abdominal discomfort, weakness, inability to concentrate and irritability	100 60 40 20 10